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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Third Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Twenty-fourth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, April 4, 2023, and is called to order at 4:20 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 3: Representatives Fogarty, Henries and Quattrocchi.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Nardone who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Wednesday, March 29, 2023, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2023

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Bennett
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-6160
entitled: Relating to Health and Safety – Pesticide Control

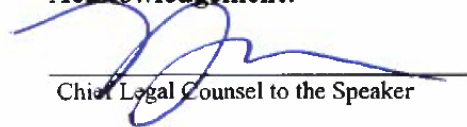
which is currently in the House Committee on Corporations

Signature:  _____

House District # 20

Date: April 3, 2023

Acknowledgement:



Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, and House Recording Clerk who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

COMMUNICATIONS

April 4, 2023

Communication from Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi:

I have appointed the following Member to serve on the National Conference of State Legislatures' Task Force on Higher Education Affordability and Student Outcomes:

Representative Rebecca Kislak

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #1 to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, April 18, 2023. There is no objection.

- 1. 2023-H 5010**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- THE PROMOTING ACCESS TO INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

- 2. 2023-H 5545**
BY Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Marszalkowski, Biah, Carson, Voas, Edwards, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Kislak, Cortvriend and Donovan.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2023-H 5929

BY Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Chairman Corvese moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Cardillo, Carson, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Morgan.

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2023-H 5701 SUB A**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Bennett, Edwards and Carson

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Newberry, Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2023-H 5920**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, McNamara, Cruz, Ajello, Deputy Speaker Hull, Representatives Edwards and O'Brien.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson,

DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2023-H 5921

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee and Carson

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2023-S 26

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Bennett, Edwards, Ajello, Tanzi, Potter, Speakman and Carson

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote 59 members voting in the affirmative and 12 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 12: Representatives Brien, Cardillo, Chippendale, Corvese, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2023-S 241

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Phillips.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2023-S 314**BY** Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Casimiro.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Cortvriend welcomes to the House Chamber Oliver Hazard Perry Rhode Island staff members, CEO Capt. Jonathan Kabak, Educational Programs Manager Holly Buresh, students Ismalia Sanyang and Roselyn Lopez Morales and Board Chairman Vice Admiral Gardner Howe (USN, Ret.), who also served as the 55th President of the Naval War College.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy welcomes to the House Chamber National Conference of State Legislatures, Group Director, Sarah Brown Esq. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes her to the House Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Morales announces that the Rhode Island Department of Human Services has started their Medicaid renewal process and urges everyone that needs to update and renew their medical insurance to do so.

Representative Knight announces that tomorrow night is the beginning of Passover and he would like to wish every one of the Jewish faith a Happy Passover. The Speaker wishes all a Happy Passover.

GUESTS

Representative Sanchez recognizes and congratulates Jose Rodriguez, owner of Diversity Counseling, which is the only Latino-owned Mental Health Clinic in Providence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Slater announces that the House Finance Subcommittee on Education will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Chairman McNamara on the birth of his grandson and becoming a grandfather for the second time.

Representative Tanzi wishes everyone a Happy Passover.

Representative Tanzi wishes her daughter, Delia a Happy 17th Birthday! Speaker Shekarchi wishes Delia a Happy Birthday!

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Chairwoman Serpa announces that the Committee on Oversight will meet Thursday, April 6th, 2023, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the next House session will be on Thursday, April 6th, at 4 p.m. There will be four committees meeting on Wednesday, April 5th.

There will be a sexual harassment prevention training session for House members this Thursday at 3 p.m. in the House Lounge. This is the second training session offered for those members that could not attend last week.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 6245**

BY Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Newberry, Baginski, Boylan, Noret, Caldwell, Kazarian

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING APRIL OF 2023, AS "NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1357/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Casimiro requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Casimiro discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Casimiro, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6246

BY Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Newberry, Boylan, Baginski, Noret, Caldwell, Kazarian

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING APRIL OF 2023, AS "CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1356/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Casimiro requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Casimiro discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Casimiro, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6247

BY Newberry, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Nardone, Place, Fenton-Fung, Ajello, Tanzi, Rea, Lombardi J
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2023, TO BE "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2566/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Newberry requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Newberry discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Newberry, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6248

BY Lima, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Ajello, Phillips, Edwards, Tanzi, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SALVATORE DEVINCENZO {LC2769/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Lima requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Lima discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Lima, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 6249

BY Cotter, Chippendale, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Fenton-Fung, Ajello, Edwards, Tanzi, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RALPH HERBERT WOODMANSEE {LC2757/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Cotter requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Cotter discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Cotter, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 6250

BY Casey, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, O'Brien, Phillips, Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2023 TO BE "ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC246/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairman Casey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairman Casey discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Casey, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6251

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Boylan, Kennedy, Lima, Dawson, Chippendale, Corvese, McNamara

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE HENRY C. ROSE {LC2780/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Whip Kazarian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Whip Kazarian and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the entire Rose family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Whip Kazarian, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 6252

BY Cortvriend, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Carson, Boylan, Finkelman, Chippendale, McGaw, Abney, Casey

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE SSV OLIVER HAZARD PERRY FOR BEING NAMED THE 2022 "SAIL TRAINING PROGRAM OF THE YEAR" BY TALL SHIPS AMERICA {LC2642/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Cortvriend requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Cortvriend discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Cortvriend, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Brien-An Act relating to Elections–Mail Ballots
Representative McNamara-An Act relating to Education Accountability Act
Representative Messier-An Act relating to Elections-Registration of Voters
Representative Morgan-An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations-Wages
Representative Place-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government
An Act relating to Military Affairs and Defense
Representative Slater-An Act relating to Businesses and Professions – Electricians

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.
(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

DESK HELD OPEN

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairwoman Donovan, for the Committee on Health, and Human Services, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5874

BY Handy, McNamara, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS (Defines an audiologist as an individual licensed to practice audiology by the department of health.) {LC1582/1}

04/04/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/06/2023)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5174

BY Cortvriend, Carson, McNamara, Craven, Spears, Fogarty, Knight, Edwards, Kennedy, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides a definition of the recognizable high tide line for the public's rights and privileges of the shore.) {LC193/1}

04/04/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/06/2023)

House Bill No. 5780

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Alzate, Diaz, Giraldo, Batista, Biah, Henries, Felix, Morales, Abney, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE CARDS AND PERMITS (Reduces the fee for an original driver privilege card from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).) {LC1712/1}

04/04/2023 Placed on House Calendar (04/06/2023)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 6253**

BY Kazarian, Dawson, Messier, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Provides any teacher who is certified in special education – severe intellectual disability, is automatically certified to teach in pre-schools.) {LC2748/1}

04/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Resolution No. 6254**BY** Casimiro

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS AND IMPACT THAT HYBRID AND VIRTUAL LEARNING EMPLOYED DURING THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE ACHIEVEMENT RATES OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study the effects and impact of hybrid and virtual learning during the pandemic, from July 31, 2024, to November 15, 2024, and would expire on November 29, 2024.) {LC2777/1}

04/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 6255**BY** Edwards, Bennett, Kennedy, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT AMENDING AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE STONE BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT AND TO FURNISH A SUPPLY OF WATER FOR THE TOWN OF TIVERTON (Amends AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE STONE BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT AND TO FURNISH A SUPPLY OF WATER FOR THE NEW TOWN OF TIVERTON, in order to clarify the eligibility of district residents to vote at district meetings.) {LC2779/1}

04/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6256**BY** Noret, Nardone, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT (Allows the board of directors of the Coventry fire district to hold its annual meeting at any time during the month of November provided the date is announced by the twentieth day of October in each year.) {LC2783/1}

04/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Resolution No. 6257**BY** Newberry, Solomon, Abney, Casey, Craven, Shanley, Donovan, Speakman, Place, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 {LC2776/1}

04/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

House Bill No. 6258**BY** McEntee, Cotter, Spears, Craven, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Noret, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX (Amends the distribution of proceeds of motor fuel tax to raise amount from \$0.0975 to ten cents in fiscal year 2024 and thereafter with the additional one-quarter cent to be used as state match for the section 5311 formula grants for rural areas program.) {LC2760/1}

04/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6259**BY** McEntee, Cotter, Spears, Craven, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Noret, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Requires RIPTA to review existing routes in rural communities to identify gaps in service, authorize paratransit vouchers, establish a one-year pilot program to study expanding services and provide vouchers to those with disabilities in those areas.) {LC2759/1}

04/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6260**BY** Place, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - COMPOSITION OF FIRE DISTRICT AND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS (Allows individuals receiving state pensions to serve on fire and utility district boards. Provides for no reporting of compensation levels or hours worked to any state agency except for tax purposes.) {LC2738/1}

04/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6261**BY** Chippendale**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF FOSTER TO RESOLVE COVID-INFLATED COSTS IMPACTING CONSTRUCTION ADDRESSING PUBLIC SAFETY, BUILDING CODE AND ADA COMPLIANCE ISSUES WITH THE TOWN'S POLICE STATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 to the Town of Foster for relief in combating elevated COVID-related construction costs to the Town's Police Station and Public Safety Complex.) {LC2607/1}

04/05/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 508**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag, Sosnowski, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides state employee public safety professionals with parity to municipal public safety employees in the state/municipal retirement systems effective July 1, 2023 with 10% contribution.) {LC1228/1}

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 669**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi F, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows Providence board of licenses to grant an exemptions relating to issuance of a Class BL or Class BV alcoholic beverage retail licenses for 566 Plainfield Street & 777 Elmwood Avenue.)

{LC2474/1}

04/05/2023 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 504 SUB A**BY** DiMario, Euer, Tikoian, LaMountain, Gu, Britto, Valverde, Miller, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

RENEWABLE READY PROGRAM (Establishes the renewable ready program which is designed to promote responsible siting and development of renewable energy on certain enumerated sites such as formerly contaminated sites. Projects would be funded through the infrastructure bank.)

{LC2166/A/1}

04/05/2023 Referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:03 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Kazarian, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Henry Rose; on motion of Representative Cotter, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Ralph Woodmansee; on motion of Representative Lima, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Salvatore "Sam" DeVincenzo; on motion of Representative Shallcross Smith, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Carl Pearson seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE A. NARDONE

Holy God: We give you thanks for granting us another day to serve our citizens. Grant us the courage to do what is right, even in the face of adversity. Make us worthy of the trust that our constituents have placed in us. Amen

APPENDIX**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 26****BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Extends the expiration date of the Harm Reduction Center Advisory Committee and Pilot Program by two years, from March 1, 2024, to March 1, 2026.) {LC291/1}

04/04/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 241**BY** Murray, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the Woonsocket city council to increase the period of exemption or stabilization of taxes on qualifying property located in designated districts in the city from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years.) {LC1053/1}

04/04/2023 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 314**BY** Valverde, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of North Kingstown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of North Kingstown on November 8, 2022.) {LC1358/1}

04/04/2023 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023:

1. **2023-H 6088**
BY Speakman
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES AND AMENDING THE PURPOSE, NAME, AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ACT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
2. **2023-H 6089**
BY Giraldo
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES, AND REQUIRING REAPPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ENTIRE AREA OF LAND USE, PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, AND REGULATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
3. **2023-H 5602 SUB A**
BY Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
4. **2023-H 5713**
BY Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
5. **2023-H 5339**
BY Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN

Committee on Education recommends passage.

6. **2023-H 5544**
BY Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

7. **2023-H 5874**
BY Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

8. **2023-H 5174**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

9. **2023-H 5780**
BY Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE CARDS AND PERMITS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023:

1. **2023-H 5010**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- THE PROMOTING ACCESS TO INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Tuesday, April 4, 2023